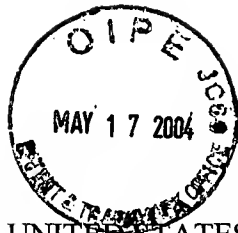


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SHINICHI SATO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/994,724)
Filed: November 28, 2001)
For: INK, INK-JET INK, INK TANK,)
INK-JET CARTRIDGE, INK)
SUPPLY DEVICE, METHOD FOR)
INTRODUCING INK TO INK)
TANK AND IMAGE RECORDING)
DEVICE : May 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004 for one month, from April 12, 2004
to May 12, 2004.

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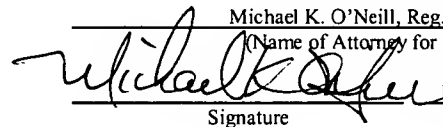
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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